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TERMINATION OF RELATIONS WITH "PALM" AND INSTITUTION
OF SPECIAL MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD "CLAUDE"

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

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X Your No 16. During the period of his liaison with us
"[C% PALM]" not only did not give [us] ~~any~~ anything, [B% but] his
conduct [2 groups unrecovered], [1 group unrecovered] and in
CANBERRA even arouses suspicion. In "studying" him over the course
of 4 years we have shown excessive patience with him. For this
reason cease all liaison with him. Should he meet you anywhere in
the course of your official duties and make enquiries [2 groups
unrecovered] continuing his "work", or ask [B% why] you are avoiding
[C% him], say that you no longer have any interest in that sort of
work at all.

2. Although "CLAUDE" [KLOD] ~~despite~~ *is behaving well despite the campaign*
(fair, you should nevertheless) ~~[2 groups unrecovered]~~
to be more careful in his work [2 groups unrecovered].

Until the general situation in connection with the campaign
that is being conducted against us in the Anglo-Saxon countries clears
up, stop receiving documents from him and restrict yourself to oral
information only and [C% that] only infrequently (once in 3 or 4 weeks).

During this period give him the task of studying people
whom we require, working on them cautiously and indoctrinating them
with a view to it becoming possible in the future to take them into
direct liaison. With a view to greater caution in work with "CLAUDE"

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it is desirable ~~for the~~ future to select a well-tried go-between
[SVYAZIST] so as to avoid subjecting him to unnecessary risk, in
view of the fact that, occupying a prominent position in the leader-
ship [RUKOVODSTVO] of the "FRATERNAL" [BRATSKAYA] [~~at~~], he, period
[7 groups unrecovered].

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T.N. [a] Inserted by translator.

Comment: [i] The Communist Party.

[1] PALM
[2] KLOB

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